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Underground Structure to House  
a Telephone Exchange in Budapest

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report concerning the construction,  
between 1951 and 1954, of an underground structure to house a telephone  
exchange adjoining the Deak Ferenc-Ter subway station in Budapest. It is  
believed that the exchange was intended for the use of the Ministry of the  
Interior. The report gives a description of the construction of the  
exchange and includes three sketches which show the structure as seen  
from various angles.

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Subterranean Premises for a Telephone Exchange in BUDAPEST(1951 - 1954)

1. The Underground Railway Planning Office, BUDAPEST, which was especially formed for the purpose, began in 1951 to plan the construction of a subterranean telephone exchange to adjoin the underground station "Ferenc DEAK Place" in BUDAPEST.
2. In 1952, the project, handled by Dr. Karoly SZECHI, chief engineer and director of the Underground Railway Planning Office had passed the planning stage, and actual work under the control and supervision of a Soviet engineer commenced. The task was finished two years later.
3. The construction of the premises to accommodate a telephone exchange was not easy as the shelter on its SE side was only a few metres away from the foundations of a five-storey building, occupied by the Ministry of the Interior; and on the NE side there was a high church. (In fact the work caused the church to sink only 4 mms.).
4. The underground premises, two metres below street level, had a mantle and ceiling of 2.5 metres of reinforced and a reinforced concrete floor of 1.2 metres in thickness. Internal dimensions of the shelter were as follows:

Length	approx.	28 m
Width	"	15 m
Height	"	5.2 m.

It was divided into two compartments: one to house necessary machinery and other shelter equipment (on the ground floor, reached by a /staircase)

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staircase), and one for the telephone exchange proper, (on the floor above, but covering only half the width of the shelter. (See Sketches 1,2,3.)

5. A door on either side of the escalator of the Underground Station gave access to a covered passage, about seven metres long, which led to the shelter from which one door led to the telephone exchange and one to the machinery floor.

6. Only the bare shelter was built with all necessary electrical and plumbing leads, to enable switchboard panels, water supply, heating and usual shelter machinery, to be installed later.

7. The shelter had one air vent leading to street level near the entrance to the underground station, and one on the roof of the Ministry of the Interior.

8. When construction of the shelter was finished, the doors on either side of the escalator could be seen for some months afterwards. They were subsequently bricked up and have been so ever since.

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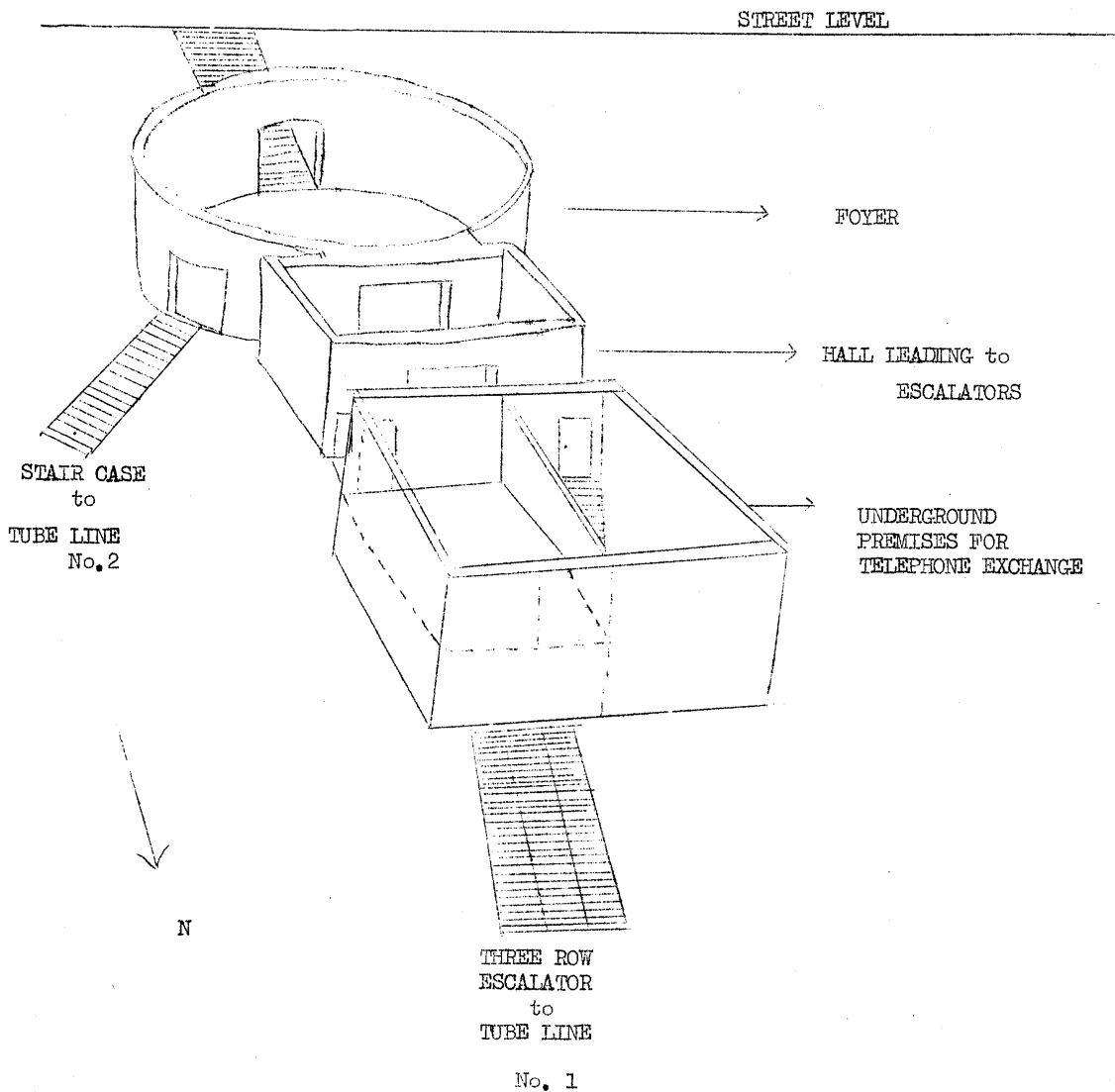
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SKETCH

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UNDERGROUND TUBE STATION, FERENC DEAK PLACE, BUDAPEST



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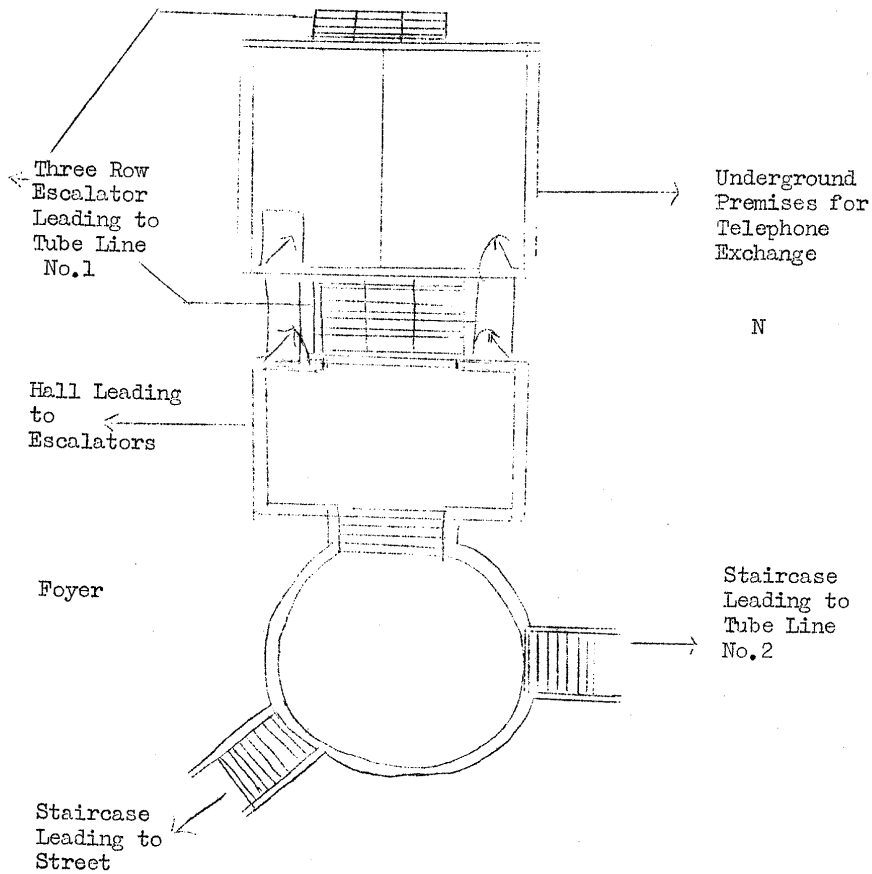
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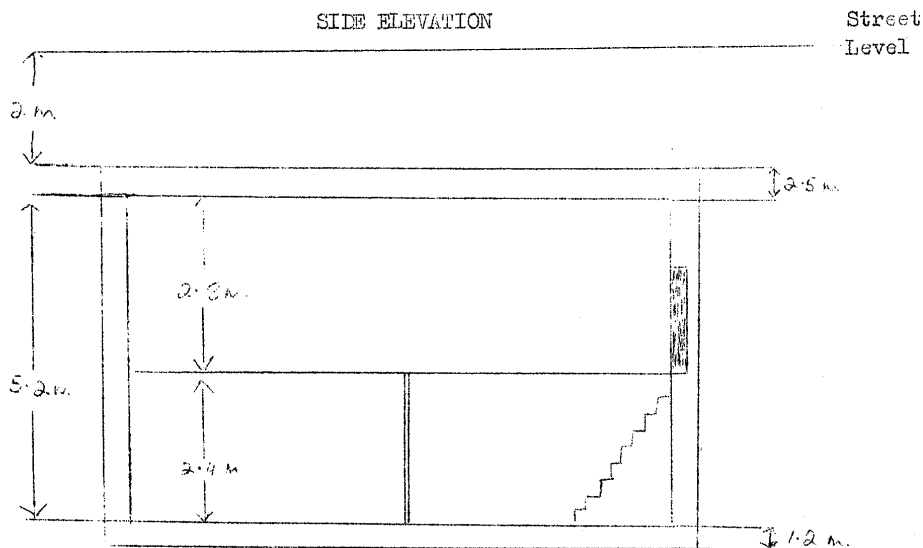
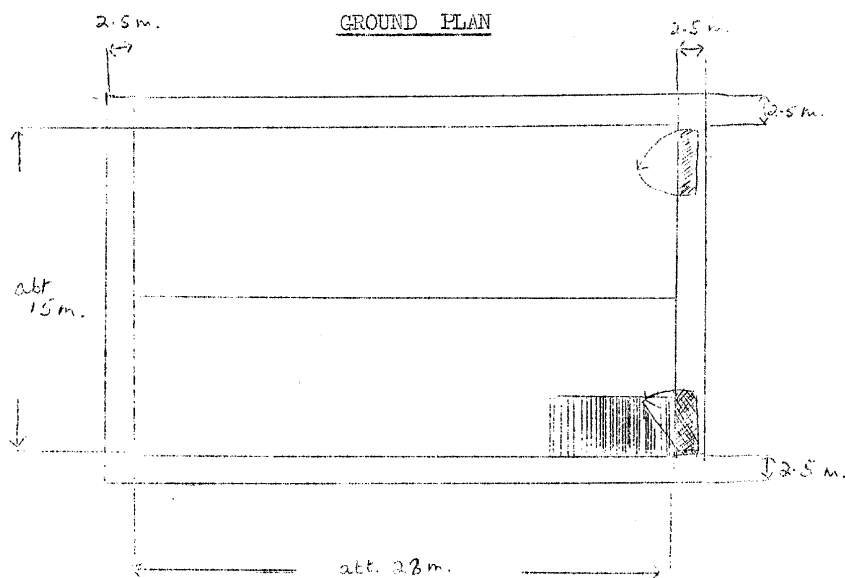
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UNDERGROUND PREMISES FOR TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

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